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SEMI-TRAILER)
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a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____

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iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

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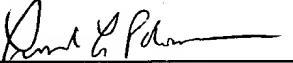
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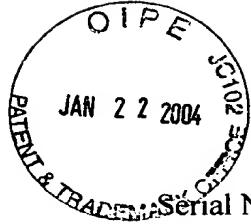
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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003 having a shortened statutory period set to expire on January 22, 2004. Applicant has concurrently filed a Request for Continued Examination to ensure consideration of this Amendment. The Examiner is asked to kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: